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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,381 crashes as compared to 1,276 crashes in March of 2006. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities increased by 66.7%. In actual numbers, there were 6 fatal crashes in March 2006 and 10 Fatal Crashes in March 2007. Overall total crashes increased by 8.2% as compared to March 2006. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 4% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 78 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were 2 fatalities; 9 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 67 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.6% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,781 crash reports in March 2007. This resulted in 7,999 crash reports being mailed out, 14.7% more than last year. There were 1,210 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was a decrease of 13.1% when compared to March 2006. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 27,310 CAD incidents and approximately 40,989 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 5.8% in March 2007, as compared to March 2006. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests prior to crashes were up 13.3% as compared to last year. DUI arrests from crashes increased by 6.1% as compared to March 2006. Occupant restraint violations were up 10.3% over last year.

The Commercial Enforcement Section decreased its hazardous moving violation enforcement by 61% and all other violations by 69.9%. Additionally there was an 11.4% decrease of inspections during March that resulted in a 15.8% decrease in total safety violations. These decreases were attributed to targeted weight enforcement, 1,289 total trucks weighed, and 49 shifts lost due to NAS training.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	March 07	March 06	% Change	February 07	% Change
Total crashes	1381	1276	8.2%	1211	14.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1053	961	9.6%	935	12.6%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	318	309	2.9%	271	17.3%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	10	6	66.7%	5	100.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	70	75	-6.7%	54	29.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	11	14	-21.4%	5	120.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	5	-80.0%	2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3	1	200.0%	1	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	5	6	-16.7%	1	400.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	78	75	4.0%	62	25.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	67	64	4.7%	45	48.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	9	0.0%	17	-47.1%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	2	0.0%	0	200.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .7 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.1%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 33.3%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.6 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 8.2 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 4% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 66% compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	March 07		March 06	% Change		February 07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	70		66	6.1%		54	29.6%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	205		181	13.3%		209	-1.9%
Other arrests	1006		1060	-5.1%		990	1.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	431		444	-2.9%		434	-0.7%
Speed violations	3969		3281	21.0%		3710	7.0%
Hazardous moving violations	2333		2840	-17.9%		2405	-3.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	684		620	10.3%		794	-13.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	11797		11153	5.8%		11729	0.6%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	60		154	-61.0%		76	-21.1%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	77		256	-69.9%		95	-18.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	648		731	-11.4%		753	-13.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		6	-600.0%		14	-1400.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	283		336	-15.8%		348	-18.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1456		1404	3.7%		1886	-22.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	85		93	-8.6%		133	-36.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	86		93	-7.5%		80	7.5%
Total school buses inspected	288		275	4.7%		402	-28.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	32		38	-15.8%		45	-28.9%
Total trucks weighed	1289		81	1491.4%		876	47.1%
Total overweight citations	25		70	-64.3%		46	-45.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	639		502	27.3%		767	-16.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	6		11	-45.5%		2	200.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	209		6		4
Safety Violations Citation	6		5		0
Safety Violations Repair Order	6		14		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	3		0		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		1		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		1		0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.13%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ Unable to obtain % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 3%of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	March 2007		March 2006	% Change		February 2006	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	145,369		131,976	10.1%		104,608	39.0%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,409,185		707,376	99.2%		1,290,113	9.2%
CAD Incidents	27,310		27,783	-1.7%		24,920	9.6%
Telephone Calls	40,989		33,751	21.4%		28,365	44.5%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	29		125	-76.8%		18	61.1%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,781		1,263	41.0%		1,186	50.2%
Arrest Reports Processed	412		413	-0.2%		373	10.5%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	15		15			14	7.1%
Vehicle Impound Releases	92		152	-39.5%		101	-8.9%
Visitors at Counter	1,210		1,392	-13.1%		619	95.5%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	7,999		6,972	14.7%		5,772	38.6%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	539		534	0.9%		310	73.9%
Warrants Entered	349		370	-5.7%		239	46.0%
Warrants Cleared	247		279	-11.5%		198	24.7%
Warrants Validated	1575		1627	-3.2%		1566	0.6%
Extradition / Transports	9		12	-25.0%		8	12.5%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	39		105	-62.9%		111	-64.9%
New Items Submitted	82		167	-50.9%		175	-53.1%
Items Disposed	206		13	1484.6%		39	428.2%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 82.1 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 10.3 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 7.7 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 11 Contracts using 575.40 hours, billed in the amount of \$71,366.46

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Public Requests for Information:

408 Email Answers

31 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints

377 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

1312 phone call or messages (both office and cell phone), phone number taken from the NHP Website.

Phone queries to include: Thanks to the Troopers, commendations, witnesses to accidents and NRS questions

Press releases: 14

11 were fatality related

3 promoted the DPS P.A.C.E. Yourself Teen Driving Competition

1 informed of expected NASCAR traffic issues

1 inviting the media to the Special Olympics Tip-a-Cop at Applebee's with the Special Olympics Nevada

Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Child seat check with Safekids and AAA.
4. Delivery of DUI Simulator
5. Work on State Grant for Seatbelt Simulator.
6. Continued research and information gathering on DPS Courage to live program
7. Planning of Las Vegas NASCAR race.
8. Community service appearances:
Schools: Carl E.S., Kim E.S., Alamo E.S., Elizondo E.S., El Dorado H.S., Las Vegas Academy

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Delivery and training on new DUI simulator
- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- NASCAR road and traffic conditions and updates
- Guest speaker at Safeway Driving Academy
- Presenter w/ Driver's Edge
- Attorney General's Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving
- B.E.S.T. Coalition, Goshin Coalition – Methamphetamine information
- Attendance at LifeSavers Conference in Chicago
- Participate in Special Olympics Tip-a-Cop at Applebee's
- Promote and participate in P.A.C.E. Teen Driving Competition